



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E

Teleconference Public Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 7:00 pm (EST)

Call to Order

Chairwoman Deli Houseal (7E06) called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. The following commissioners: Veda Rasheed (7E01), Linda S. Green (7E02), T.N. Tate (7E04), and Victor Horton (7E05) were present. Commissioner Yolanda Fields (7E07) was delayed, but did attend the meeting.

Commissioner Ebbon Allen (7E03) was absent.

Approval of the ANC's June's Meeting Agenda

Chairwoman Houseal moved to have June's public meeting agenda approved. It was motioned and passed.

Approval of the ANC's May's Public Meeting Minutes

Chairwoman Houseal moved to approve the ANC's May's public meeting minutes. The motion was voted on and passed.

Monthly Treasure

The treasure's report was given by the Executive Assistant as Commissioner Fields had not arrived on the call at that time.

Commissioner Horton noticed that a line item for public safety was omitted. Commissioner Houseal suggested that Budget be amended to display a line item for Public Safety in the amount of \$10,000. From the Public Safety Budget, \$5000.00 will be allocated to purchase PPEs.

Commissioner Tate motioned to approve the Amended budget, Commissioner Horton seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee- no update was given in his absence. However; community members did show interest in joining the committee, and their contact information was taken and shared with Commissioner Allen.

Economic Development: Report given by secretary Tiera Fletcher. Currently the Economic Development Committee is:

- Working on solidifying a charter.
- Interested in acquiring additional members
- Focusing on reaching out to business owners in 7E
- Reviewing comprehensive plan, and zoning applications

Approval of the Consent Calendar

The following items were approved:

PSA #352769: 4400 Bowen Rd, Replace wooden fence for safety. (Review due 6/11) (7E02)
PSA # 349364: 5336 D Street SE, New Construction on Vacant Lot (Review due 6/18) (SMD 7E06)

Guest Speakers: Jennifer Reed, Director Office of Budget and Performance Management

Director Reed provided get insight & information for the community on the budget, which can be

found at www.budget.dc.gov

Several questions from the commission were compiled around the areas of mental health, violence interruption and unemployment benefits. Highlights of the responses are: The budget will provide funding for violence prevention programs in schools. There are funds allocated for early childhood education. Park and Recreation centers will receive funds for remodeling.

Information for unemployment benefits, tenant and homeowner assistance, along with assistance for utility bills were provided.

- Unemployment benefits: It generally takes 21 days from the time all necessary documentation from a claimant is received. For more information, there is a hotline phone number: 202-724-7000, as well as email address: COVID19.ui@dc.gov
- For Tenants and Homeowner assistance: The Office of the Tenant Advocate (202) 719-6560 for assistance with your landlord and Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (202) 727-8000 for assistance with banks and any foreclosure issues. In addition, the Office of the Attorney General has a consumer protection hotline at (202) 442-9828 that can also be reached.
- Residents who need assistance with utility bills can reach out to The Department of the Energy and Environment through 311 to set up an appointment for assistance. There are federal and local funds available so please reach out.

Mental health support for ward 7- The budget will provide funds to expand school based mental health programs. Two million dollars from the Federal government was given to the Department of Behavioral Health, to provide grants to providers for counseling.

Additional information on the budget and resources can located on the website:

www.budget.dc.gov

Commissioner Updates

Commission wide:

Visit the website at www.anc7e.us

Please complete your Census papers. Visit www.my2020census.gov to complete the Census as soon as possible.

Commissioners Veda Rasheed (7E01):

- Encouraged all community members to complete the 2020 Census.

Encourage community members interested in becoming an ANC Commissioner, they can get petitions starting June 26, 2020

If there is an area that might be interested in getting Capitol Bike Share in your area, contact Commissioner Rasheed.7e01@anc.dc.gov

- Informed the community that students can enroll in Bard DC.
- She is continuing to work on nuisance properties.

Commissioner Green, 7E02:

1. Nuisance Property, located in the Fort Davis Community, (FDC)
Complaints being made by the Residents who live on Nash Street SE
Complaints from residents who have been living in the FDC, since 1968.

The Sixth District, Crime Suppression Team, Narcotics Special Investigations Division, and the Office of the Attorney General are investigating this complaint. Special Attention on various streets in the Fort Davis Community.

2. Nuisance Property, located on Fort Davis Street SE. Complaint was reported to Commissioner Linda Green, on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.
Commissioner Green, submitted complaint to the Attention of
Commander Habeebullah via email, and to the Lt. J. Preston, PSA 605.

Complaint, was sent to the Attention of Crime Suppression Team, Sixth District. Residents complaining that a lot of vehicles with Va. Tags are parked on their street, and the motorist do not live on Fort Davis Street SE. Special Attention on Fort Davis Street SE, and Fort Davis Place SE. 3. Sent Email to Urban Tree Forestry Division to the Attention of Division Chief, to have a Tree Stump Removed from the Curb Grass. Stump was not removed when a tree was struck down by a motorist who lost control of his vehicle. Stump located on the 4200 block of Massachusetts Avenue SE. Confirmation Number: 20-0011 3329.

Footnote: What Constitutes a Nuisance Property and or Neighbor?

When an Activity that significantly interferes with the use or enjoyment of another's property, or that affects the health, safety, welfare or comfort of the public at large.

Commissioner Allen, 7E03:

JW King Senior Building is requesting the following necessities:

- Food,
- toiletries,
- masks,
- hand sanitizer,
- gloves
- LOVE and prayers.

JW King is located at 4638 H Street SE

Please follow up with me to provide Mrs. Jones' contact info for you.

-The Benning Park Modernization Project has started. The Project should be completed by December of 2020.

-The contractor will be providing employment opportunities for Ward 7 constituents.

Benning Park Rec Center will also be renamed the Woody Ward Rec Center.

Thanks to CM Vince Gray, ANC 7E and the residents of the Benning Park Apartments.

-The Cynthia Townhomes Phase 3 should be completed by December of 2020

Please Stay Home. Stay Safe. Stay Informed.

If anyone have any questions or concerns please email me at 7E03@anc.dc.gov

Commissioner Tate, 7E04:

Absent at the time updates were given

Commissioner Horton, 7E05:

Capitol View Library

Digital Resources

Read, Watch, Listen and Learn from the comfort of your own home. The Library has eBooks, audio books, streaming movies, music, online courses and more, all free with your Library Card.

Need a Library Card: <https://www.dclibrary.org/getacard>

Racism in America

The Library has made available unlimited e-book copies of:

"Why We Can't Wait" by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,

"Unapologetic: A Black, Queer and Feminist Mandate for Our Movement" by Charlene Carruthers,

"Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor," by Layla F. Saad

"White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism" by Robin DiAngelo.

Neighborhood Concerns

- Submitted 15 #311 requests
 - Weed and Grass Violations
 - Illegal Dumping
- Dog/Pets Issues
 - Unleashed Pets
 - Dog Waste

Request for Speed bump on C st, working with community to petition signatures to get speed bumps.

Community member requested to have speed bump added to Central Ave.

Contact Info:

Email: 7e05@anc.dc.gov

Phone: 202-617-4735

Commissioner Houseal, 7E06:

- CW Harris Modernization project on schedule
- CW Harris public art competition completed
- Illegal dumping off D St near CW Harris. Worked collaboratively with DPW and DGS to get the debris cleared (will provide before and after pics)
- Issues with delays in receiving mail on the 5400 Block C St. Liaisoning with the Office of Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton to submit a formal inquiry with the US Postal Service.
- In April 2020, submitted a letter to the Mayor and City Council re: COVID-19 requesting contact tracing.
- Testifying at tomorrows hearing re: DC DOH
- Looking into legal car maintenance.
- Community not receiving mail, submitted an inquiry with Congress Woman Eleanor Homes Norton.

Email: 7e06@anc.dc.gov

Phone: (202) 617-4882

Commissioner Fields, 7E07:

Noticed there are several vendors selling food items on the road side. Encouraging vendors to notify ANC commissioners they will be selling items.

Unfinished Business

Update Bylaws – at time quorum was not present

Official Actions: DCRA, ABRA, DDOT and Zoning DDOT

N/A

New Business

Resolution 7E-20-009: Supporting Families & Youth (Commissioner Horton)

Resolution 7E-20-010: Resolution Regarding Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Proposed Funding for the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (Commissioners Allen and Houseal)

Letter of Support for Friends of Capitol View Library/East of the river Ward 7 Friends Coalition (Commissioner Horton)

Resolution to suspend recess until August 1, 2020 and hold a meeting in July. (Commissioner Houseal)

Commissioner Green suggested that the Resolution 7E-20-009, be Amended to add Seniors. Motion by Commissioner Horton for the 3 Resolutions with amendment and the letter of support be accepted, seconded by Commissioner Green. The motion was approved.

Official Reports

Police Report:

Captain Franklin Porter, Sixth District Summer Crime Initiative: PSA 603, PSA 604

Metropolitan Police Department

5002 Hayes Street NE

Stats from the last 30 days

Homicide

June 1- 5100 block of A st SE. Case is close. This was a domestic case; it was a stabbing.

Assault with a dangerous weapon- All cases still open

May 16- 4900 Benning Rd and C st- Victim was shot, it was non-life threatening

May 24- Benning Park Apartments- 2 victims shot.

June 2- 800 block of 51st, 2 victims shot

June 3- 4600 block of Southern Ave 2 victims shot.

Robbery

May 20 -5000 block of Southern Ave, woman got her purse stolen by someone she knew. - open case

May 25- 4900 block of C St – Car Jacking- open case

June 4- 5000 block of D St- Stolen wallet

Property Crime

Burglary- 4

Theft from auto- 21

Theft- 13- items stolen from stores

Stolen Vehicles- 10

Office of the Mayor Muriel Bowser

no update given

Office of Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

No update given

Community Discussion

The Horizon shared information about providing supplies for families.

- Families are continuing with distance learning.
- Wish list will be provided to the community via newsletter.

Adjournment

Chairwoman Houseal adjourned the meeting at 9:41pm